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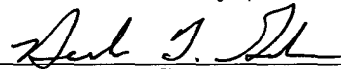
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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2002-350726 (SONY CORP), published December 4, 2002.

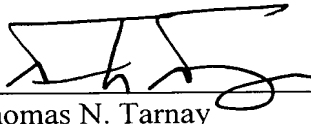
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- (4) Betensky et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,745,301, issued April 28, 1998;
- (5) Ohtake, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,329, issued December 7, 1999;
- (6) Ohno, U.S. Patent No. 6,088,169, issued July 11, 2000;
- (7) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-033701 (KONICA CORP), published February 9, 2001;
- (8) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-242378 (FUJI PHOTO OPTICAL CO LTD), published September 7, 2001;
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- (10) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-343584 (KONICA CORP), published December 14, 2001;

- (11) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2002-014284 (CANON INC), published January 18, 2002;
- (12) Shibayama et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,349,002 B1, issued February 19, 2002;
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- (18) Koreeda, U.S. Patent No. 6,522,476 B2, issued February 18, 2003;
- (19) Mihara et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,538,824 B1, issued March 25, 2003; and
- (20) Nanba et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,545,819 B1, issued April 8, 2003.

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